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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method of operating a web site, comprising:

2   coordinating states of a web site, the states including code which may be

3   executed to effect the display and actions of the web site; and

4   maintaining an environment of the web site, the code of the states having

5   access to the environment.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein:

2   the coordinating and maintaining are performed by a state machine; and

3   the state machine interacting with the states.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein:

2   maintaining the environment includes creating and managing environment

3   data.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein:

2   interacting with the states includes receiving indications of success or

3   failure from the states, supplying environment data to the states and receiving

4   changes to environment data from the states.

1   5.   A system for operating a web site with a state machine, comprising:

2 means for coordinating states of a web site, the states including code

3 which may be executed to effect the display and actions of the web site; and

4 means for maintaining an environment of the web site, the code of the

5 states having access to the environment.

1 6. The system of claim 5, further comprising:

2 means for interacting with the states.

1 7. A machine-readable medium embodying a plurality of instructions,

2 the plurality of instructions when executed by a processor, causing the processor

3 to perform the method comprising:

4 coordinating states of a web site, the states including code which may be

5 executed to effect the display and actions of the web site; and

6 maintaining an environment of the web site, the code of the states having

7 access to the environment.

1 8. The machine-readable medium of claim 7 embodying additional

2 instructions, the additional instructions when executed by a processor, causing

3 the processor to perform the method wherein:

4 the coordinating and maintaining are performed by a state machine; and

5 the state machine interacting with the states.

1   9.   The machine-readable medium of claim 8 embodying additional

2   instructions, the additional instructions when executed by a processor, causing

3   the processor to perform the method wherein:

4   maintaining the environment includes creating and managing environment

5   data.

1   10.   The machine-readable medium of claim 8 embodying additional

2   instructions, the additional instructions when executed by a processor, causing

3   the processor to perform the method wherein:

4   interacting with the states includes receiving indications of success or

5   failure from the states, supplying environment data to the states and receiving

6   changes to environment data from the states.